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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOR THAILAND LEAHY VETTING REQUEST -EXBS - SPONSORED U.S. COAST GUARD BOARDING OFFICER TRAINING, BANGKOK PORT

REF: BANGKOK 3776

 $\P 1$. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and found that, as of this date, it possesses no credible evidence of gross violations of human rights committed by the individuals listed below. These individuals are candidates to attend the EXBS-Sponsored US Coast Guard Boarding Officer training session at Bangkok Port from January 19-23, 2009.

12. (U) Candidates:

Name: Somkiat Jiwtan

DPOB: 6/29/1976; Bangkok, Thailand

Title/Rank: Deputy Superintendent/Police Lieutenant Colonel

Unit: Sub-Division 3, Royal Thai Marine Police

Name: Aganit Suttipong

DPOB: 4/12/1966; Bangkok, Thailand

Title/Rank: Deputy Superintendent/Police Lieutenant Colonel

Unit: Sub-Division 4, Royal Thai Marine Police

Name: Saksit Mungfoyklang

DPOB: 1/14/1982; Bangkok, Thailand Title/Rank: Inspector/Police Lieutenant

Unit: Sub-Division 3, Royal Thai Marine Police

- 13. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.
- $\underline{\P}4$. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.
- 15. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:

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